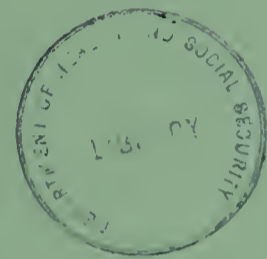


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SHERBORNE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1969

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Chief Public Health Inspector: F.E. RAEBURN, M.A.P.H.I.

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June 1970

To: The Chairman and Members,
Sherborne Urban District Council.

Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you the Annual Report for the year 1969.

The report is prepared and will be circulated in accordance with the requirements of the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959.

Dr. Noel F. Pearson was your Medical Officer of Health until the 20th November, 1969, so this is largely his Report. Mr. Raeburn, your Senior Public Health Inspector, has, as usual, prepared the section of the Report dealing with that part of the work with which the Public Health Inspector is primarily concerned.

I have the honour to be,

Your Obedient Servant,

ESTHER JACKSON

Medical Officer of Health

SHERBORNE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
- - 1969 - - -

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|----|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|
| A. | Area - 1,650 acres | | | | | |
| | Rateable Value - 1st April, 1969 | ... | ... | ... | ... | £30,079 |
| | Product of a penny rate - 1969/70 | ... | ... | ... | ... | £ 1,180 |

VITAL STATISTICS

Population (Registrar General's Estimate)... .. 8,200

| <u>BIRTHS</u> registered | <u>1969</u> | | | <u>1968</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------|-------|-------------|
| | Male | Female | Total | Total |
| Live Births Total | 59 | 45 | 104 | 104 |
| Legitimate | 57 | 41 | 98 | 97 |
| Illegitimate | 2 | 4 | 6 | 7 |
| Still Births Total | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Legitimate | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |

| <u>DEATHS</u> registered | <u>1969</u> | | | <u>1968</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------|-------|-------------|
| | Male | Female | Total | Total |
| Total | 57 | 60 | 117 | 83 |
| Maternal Deaths | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaths of infants under 1 yr. Total | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Legitimate | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Under 4 weeks of age: Total ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Under 1 week of age: Total ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

The succeeding table of figures shews the birth rates etc. for the Sherborne Urban District and the rates for England and Wales for comparison.

| | <u>S.U. D.</u> | <u>England & Wales</u> |
|--|----------------|----------------------------|
| Live birth rate per 1,000 est. population | 12.7 | 16.3 |
| Area comparability factor | 1.42 | 1.0 |
| Local adjusted rate | 18.0 | 16.3 |
| Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births | 6 | 8 |
| Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths | 10 | 13 |
| Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 live births | 10 | 18 |
| I.M.R of legitimate infants..... | 10 | 17 |
| I.M.R. of illegitimate infants | 0 | 25 |
| Neonatal mortality rate | | |
| (Deaths under 4 wks per 1000 live born) | 0 | 12 |
| Early neonatal mortality rate | | |
| (Deaths under 1 wk per 1000 live born). | 0 | 10 |
| Perinatal mortality rate (still births and deaths under 1 wk per 1000 total live & still births) | 0 | 23 |
| Deaths per 1,000 population | 14.3 | 11.9 |
| Area comparability factor | 0.91 | 1.00 |
| Local adjusted death rate | 13.0 | 11.9 |

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR

| | 1969 | | | Totals | |
|---|------|--------|-------|--------|------|
| | Male | Female | Total | 1968 | 1967 |
| Tuberculosis - all forms | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Other infective illnesses | 0 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Malignant neoplasm: | | | | | |
| Lung and bronchus | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Breast | 0 | 2 | 2) | | |
| Uterus | 0 | 0 | 0) | | |
| Prostate | 0 | 0 | 0) | 11 | 16 |
| Stomach and intestines | 3 | 2 | 5) | | |
| Leukaemia | 0 | 1 | 1) | | |
| Other sites | 5 | 3 | 8) | | |
| Diabetes mellitus | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Other endocrine etc. diseases | 0 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Other diseases of nervous system, etc..... | 1 | 5 | 6 | | |
| Ischaemic heart disease | 14 | 13 | 27 | 18 | 12 |
| Cerebrovascular disease | 9 | 12 | 21) | 22 | 29 |
| Other heart and circulatory system diseases | 7 | 9 | 16) | | |
| Influenza | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Pneumonia | 4 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 0 |
| Bronchitis and emphysema | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Other diseases of respiratory system | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Ulcer and diseases of digestive system | 2 | 2 | 4 | | |
| Other diseases of liver and intestines | 3 | 0 | 3 | | |
| Diseases of kidneys and genito-urinary system | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Congenital anomalies & other causes of peri-natal mortality | 2 | 1 | 3 | | |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 4 | 1 | 5 | | |
| Motor vehicle accidents | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| All other accidents | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Suicide and self-inflicted injuries | 1 | 1 | 2 | | |

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Other than Tuberculosis:

| <u>Disease</u> | <u>Total Cases Notified</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Scarlet Fever | 2 |
| Measles | 89 |
| Whooping Cough | 6 |
| Infective Hepatitis | 1 |

| <u>Tuberculosis</u> | <u>Respiratory</u> | <u>Non-Respiratory</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| New cases notified | 1 | nil |

FOOD POISONING

There were no cases of food poisoning reported in the Sherborne Urban District during 1969.

B.

Sherborne is a trading centre of an agricultural area, as well as being a tourist and educational centre. Principal industries include light engineering, manufacture of industrial glass fabrics, glove making, dairies and mineral water manufacturing.

C.

The Yeatman Hospital (West Dorset Hospital Group of the Wessex Regional Hospital Board) provides the local hospital requirements, both in-patient and out-patient.

LABORATORY SERVICES

The Public Health Laboratory Service has again proved co-operative, efficient and helpful.

GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER, OPHTHALMIC AND PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES

These are administered locally by the Dorset Executive Committee.

COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES

The personal preventitive health services are the responsibility of the County Council.

They comprise the care of mothers and young children, maternity, school health, prophylactic inoculation, home nursing, mental health, the ambulance service, the care and after-care of the tubercular, blind and handicapped, health education, the domestic home help service and the welfare of the aged.

VOLUNTARY SERVICES

Acknowledgment must be made to the excellent work carried out voluntarily in the district by the British Red Cross Society, the Guild of Social Service and the Meals on Wheels service, provided by the W.R.V.S. Seventy one elderly people benefitted from this valuable service compared with fifty four during the preceding year. Not only are the meals appreciated but, even more, (one sometimes thinks) are the twice weekly visits by the helpers who take the meals round.

D.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH - Noel F. Pearson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
(Part-time) D.P.H., until 20th November, 1969.

Esther Jackson, M.B.,CH.B., D.P.H.,
from 20th November, 1969.

Your Medical Officer of Health also acts as Medical Officer of Health to four other District Council in the North Dorset area and, as Senior Assistant County Medical Officer, to the Dorset County Council.

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR - F. E. Raebury, M.A.P.H.I.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR - E. Wood, M.A.P.H.I.

Clerical Staff - One Clerk, part time.

WATER SUPPLY

The Wessex Water Board is responsible for the public water supplies in the district.

All the houses in the town have a piped mains water supply and no house is dependent upon a stand-pipe supply.

In addition to the nineteen samples for bacteriological examination taken by the Board, one hundred and seven samples were submitted for examination by your public health staff.

Five private water supplies were in use for industrial purposes. 27 samples for bacteriological examination were taken by your public health staff.

DRAINAGE AND SANITATION

Consultations with the River Board and Ministry continued regarding proposed alterations and extensions to the sewage works. New methods of drying sludge were tried, with some success, and a new portable pump was provided for use in the works.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

There are four sites in the district with cold water supplied to all four and hot water supplied to two of them.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

House Refuse

The Council's scheme provides for the collection of house refuse weekly and disposal by controlled tipping. A new S & D Pakamatic refuse vehicle was ordered during the year.

Salvage

There is no salvage collection.

Cesspool Emptying

No provision is required to be made in the district.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Your two Public Health Inspectors are appointed Inspectors (part-time) under the Act.

During the year fifty seven inspections were carried out, compared with one hundred and forty eight in the preceding year. All the one hundred and nineteen premises subject to registration in the district are registered.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

Regular observations were made at all the sites. Seven warnings for minor infringements were given.

RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES ACT

Two premises in the district are registered under the Act.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT

No premises in the district are registered under the Act.

Under the Act, with certain limited exceptions, any person who carries on a business of providing accommodation for other people's animals, even in a private house, must be registered under this Act by the District Council.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT

The number of complaints alleging noise nuisance remains high.

FACTORIES ACT , 1961

(nil figures not given)

| | No. of Premises on Register | Inspections | Written Notices |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | 1 | 1 | - |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 57 | 43 | - |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) | - | - | - |
| Total: | 58 | 44 | - |

Defects

| | Found | Remedied | Referred by H.M. Inspector |
|--|-------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Unsuitable/defective sanitary conveniences | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Total: | 2 | 2 | 1 |

No. of out-workers (wearing apparel) - 40

SWIMMING BATHS

There are two private swimming baths to which the public have access. Regular samples were taken from these baths, and from other private baths in the U.D., and advice given regarding treatment when necessary.

THE CONTROL OF MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There are two licensed caravan sites in the district, one which has not been developed. The other has 66 sites for residential purposes with a very small space for caravans in transit.

27 inspections were carried out during the year.

VERMINOUS PREMISES

Advice was given in respect of several cockroach and cluster fly infestations.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The duties of the District Council under the above Act are carried out in the area by the North Dorset Joint Rodent Committee and during the year the Public Health Inspectors took over complete supervision of rodent control for the whole area.

During the year 167 treatments were carried out, with a total of 347 visits to premises in the Urban District.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

No. of licensed premises1
No. of inspections made4

SANITATION OF SCHOOLS (INCLUDING CANTEEN HYGIENE)

All school boarding house kitchens and school canteens were re-inspected and the general standard was satisfactory.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 & 1951 - Section 47.

No action was called for or taken during the year toward the compulsory removal of a person requiring care and attention.

HOUSING

No. of houses in the district Total: 2,617

Inspection of dwelling houses during the year

| | |
|--|------------|
| No. of dwellinghouses inspected during the year | Total: 48 |
| No. of inspections made | Total: 112 |
| No. of informal notices served | Nil |
| No. of informal notices complied with | Nil |
| No. of statutory notices served | Nil |
| No. of statutory notices complied with | Nil |
| No. of houses reported under Section 16 of the Housing Act 1958. | Nil |
| No. of houses included in Clearance Areas during the year | Nil |

The Compulsory Improvement of Dwelling Houses

No action was taken under Section 13 of the Housing Act, 1964.

Overcrowding

There was no case of statutory overcrowding during the year.

Houses Let in Lodgings

Five houses are known to be let in lodgings.

Improvement Grants

There were 18 applications granted for "Standard" Grants and 4 pending at the end of the year, compared with 24 applications the previous year; and there were 2 applications for "Discretionary" Grants which were granted, which is the same number as last year.

New Houses

55 new houses were built by private enterprise during the year and 30 by your Council, compared with 48 and 45 respectively during the preceding year.

45 families were housed by the Council during the year, compared with 48 during the preceding year.

Waiting List

220 applicants were on the Council's housing waiting list at the end of the year, compared with 172 a year previously.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES

1. Milk:

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959

| | |
|---|---|
| No. of Dairies in the district subject to registration..... | 2 |
| No. of Distributors subject to registration | 1 |

Samples

41 samples of milk in the district were taken during the year by your Public Health Inspectors and submitted for examination. All samples passed the test. In addition, two hundred and six samples were taken by Officers of the County Council. There were again no cases of Brucellosis in the area.

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959. Regulation 20

No action was taken or called for during the year.

2. Other Food Premises:

The number of food premises in the area, by type of business, subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960:

| Trade | No. of Premises | No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 16. | No. of Premises to which Reg. 19 applies. | No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19. |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--|---|--|
| Hotels | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Cafes | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Public Houses | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Clubs | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Church Halls | 5 | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| Canteens - Schools | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Confectioners | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Meat and Fish | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Grocers | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Mixed Stores | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Boarding Schools | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| Food Factories..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Others | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Greengrocers | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Stalls | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Residential Institutions | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Total: | 111 | 108 | 111 | 111 |

No. of such premises inspected during the year 108

No. of inspections carried out 385

No. of food premises subject to registration under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955, in respect of:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Ice Cream | 33 |
| Sausages and Prepared Meats | 2 |
| Fish and Chips | 1 |

No. of samples of ice cream submitted for Methylene Blue Test - 98

Food Inspection

Butchers and Other Shops

19 inspections were made at Butchers' shops during the year.

Quantities of foodstuffs condemned:

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Butchers' Shops | 274 lbs |
| Other shops | 331 lbs |

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in the district and no knacker's yards. 100% meat inspection in accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963 was carried out. The results of inspection are tabulated on the following page.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT

| | |
|---|-------|
| Total no. of inspections (under all headings) | 3,224 |
| Total No. of informal notices served | 9 |
| Total no. of informal notices complied with | 9 |
| Total no. of statutory notices served | 5 |
| Total no. of statutory notices complied with | 5 |
| Total no. of prosecutions | Nil |

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned 1969

| | Cattle including cows | Calves | Sheep and Lambs | Pigs |
|--|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|
| Number killed | 412 | 46 | 904 | 580 |
| Number inspected | 412 | 46 | 904 | 580 |
| <u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u> | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | 64 | 1 | 135 | 159 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci | 13.59 | 2.15 | 15.04 | 27.76 |
| <u>Tuberculosis only</u> | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | | | | |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | | | | |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis | | | | |
| <u>Cysticercosis only</u> | | | | |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | | | | |
| Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration | | | | |
| Generalised and totally condemned | | | | |

Once again no tuberculosis or c. bovis was found in carcasses inspected.

